

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. No claims have been allowed. Claims 1, 9, 19, 24, 25, and 30 are independent.

Applicants note that an amendment was filed on September 24, 2003, after telephonic communications with the Examiner before the final rejection was mailed. Applicants believe the Application is in condition for allowance.

Cited Art

U.S. Patent No. 6,119,135 to Helfman ("Helfman") is entitled "Method for Passively Browsing the Internet Using Images Extracted from Web Pages."

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on August 19, 2003, for the application. The Statement included the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p); therefore the references must be considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider the eight (8) patent documents cited therein and provide, in the next Action, the initialed Form 1449 indicating the references have been properly considered. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants include a copy of the Form 1449 earlier filed.

Patentability of Claims over Helfman under § 102(e)

The Action rejects claims 1-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Helfman. Applicants respectfully submit the claims in their present form are allowable over the cited art. For a 102(e) rejection to be proper, the cited art must show each and every element as set forth in a claim. (See MPEP § 2131.01.) However, the cited art does not so show.

With respect to claim 1, Applicants point to the "display a web page" language, which is not taught or suggested by Helfman.

Further, Applicants submitted an amendment on September 24, 2003, to add various language to the claims before the mailing date of the final Office Action. Applicants believe the

amendment does not unduly interfere with prosecution, but instead advances prosecution. The claims are thus now clearly in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment (if not already entered) and reconsideration of the application.

Request For Interview

If any issues remain, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney prior to issuance of the next Office Action in order to arrange a telephonic interview. It is believed that a brief discussion of the merits of the present application may expedite prosecution. Applicants submit the foregoing formal Amendment so that the Examiner may fully evaluate Applicants' position, thereby enabling the interview to be more focused.

This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

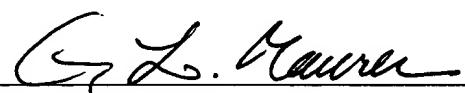
Conclusion

The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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